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# Waterdown Boundary Review

Advisory Panel Meeting #3

*December 11, 2025*

**HWDSB**  
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The Hamilton-Wentworth District School Board acknowledges our presence on ancestral Anishinaabe and Haudenosaunee Confederacy land as determined by the Dish with One Spoon treaty.

The intent of this agreement is for all nations sharing this territory to do so responsibly, respectfully and sustainably in perpetuity.

We respect the longstanding relationships with the local Indigenous communities, the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation and the Six Nations of the Grand River.

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# Agenda

- **Housekeeping Items**
- **Boundary Review Timeline**
- **Feedback Review**
  - **Public Meeting Feedback**
  - **Engage/ Email Comments**
- **Option Review**
  - **New consideration for Option 4**
- **Option Consensus for Final Report**

# Housekeeping Items

- Advisory Panel Mandate
  - Provide feedback and advice, through the process of discussions and inquiries about HWDSB recommendations and/or information.
- Today's Goals
  - Reviewing Feedback from public meeting and Engage
  - Review Options
  - Option Consensus for Final Report



# Housekeeping Items Continued

## Meeting Etiquette

- Respect the consensus decision-making model
- Recognize individual views and beliefs
- Balance advocacy for a position while understanding another point of view
- Communicate ideas positively - be hard on the issue but soft on the people
- Trust the intentions and integrity of others
- Build a safe and inclusive “risk-free” environment
- No recording is permitted, minutes and slides will be shared following the meeting
- Rules of the Observers



# Timeline



# Public Meeting Feedback

*Support for  
French to remain  
at GB*

*Support for  
Option 3, strong  
support for  
Option 4*

*Townhomes at  
50 Hamilton  
Street South*

*Area south of  
Highway 5 between  
Hamilton and Mill  
Street*

*Extend Mary  
Hopkins to serve  
English Track  
students in Grades  
K-5 in 2026/27*



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# Key Considerations for Boundary Options

## Balance of Overall Enrolment

*Optimal utilization of 90%-115% and balanced programs.*

## Temporary Accommodation

*Maximize students accommodated in permanent capacity, do not exceed maximum portables on site.*

## Geographical Area and Barriers

*Create geographically contiguous boundaries that consider physical barriers. Create stable long-term boundaries.*

## Transportation

*Maximize safe walkability to schools and cost-effective transportation routes.*

## Student Experience

*Minimize transition for students where possible, strive for K- 8 schools.*

## Other

*Additional criteria based on review area, such as specific facility limitations (septic, well water, site size etc.).*

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# Option Evaluation

Advisory  
Panel  
Discussion  
And  
Community  
Feedback



## Option 1

- No Legacy consideration
- French Immersion program to Flamborough Centre
- Lines on map includes Howard to Hamilton Street South

## Option 2

- French Immersion program to Flamborough Centre
- Lines on map includes Howard to Hamilton Street South

## Option 3

- No legacy consideration
- Lines on map includes Howard to Hamilton Street South

# Option 4 Summary

## 1 Lines on the Map



**New School Boundary South of Highway 5 to City Limit, from 1-40 Hamilton Street South to Kerns Road**

## 2 Legacy Students



**Legacy for grades 7-8**

- No Transportation provided
- Siblings must attend new school

## 3 French Immersion Programming



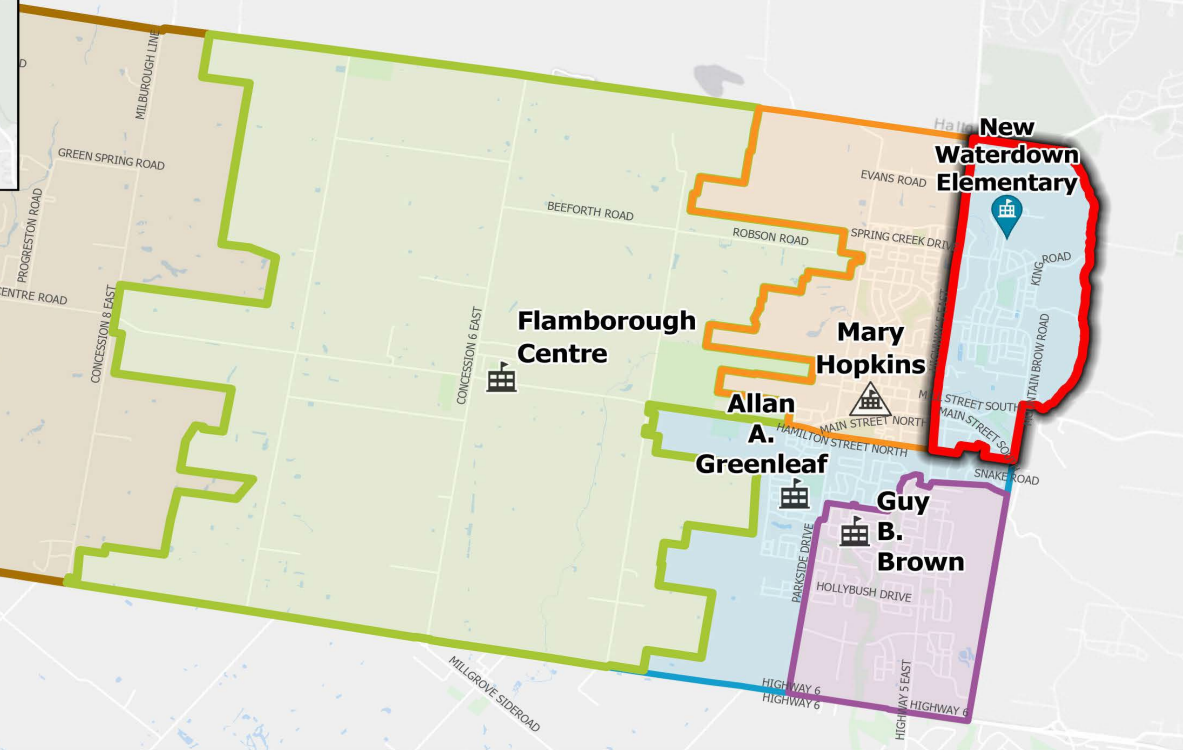
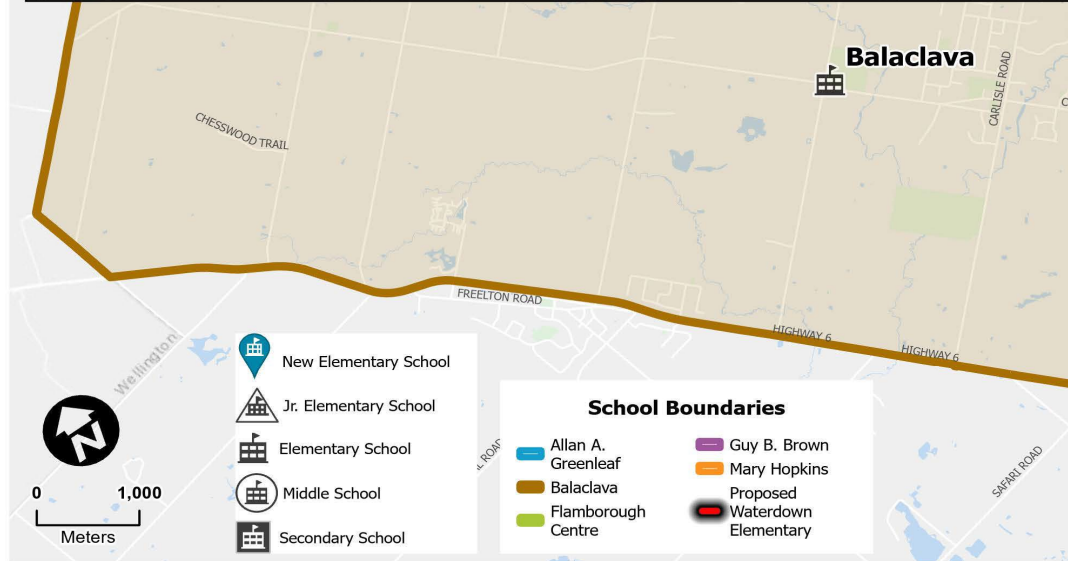
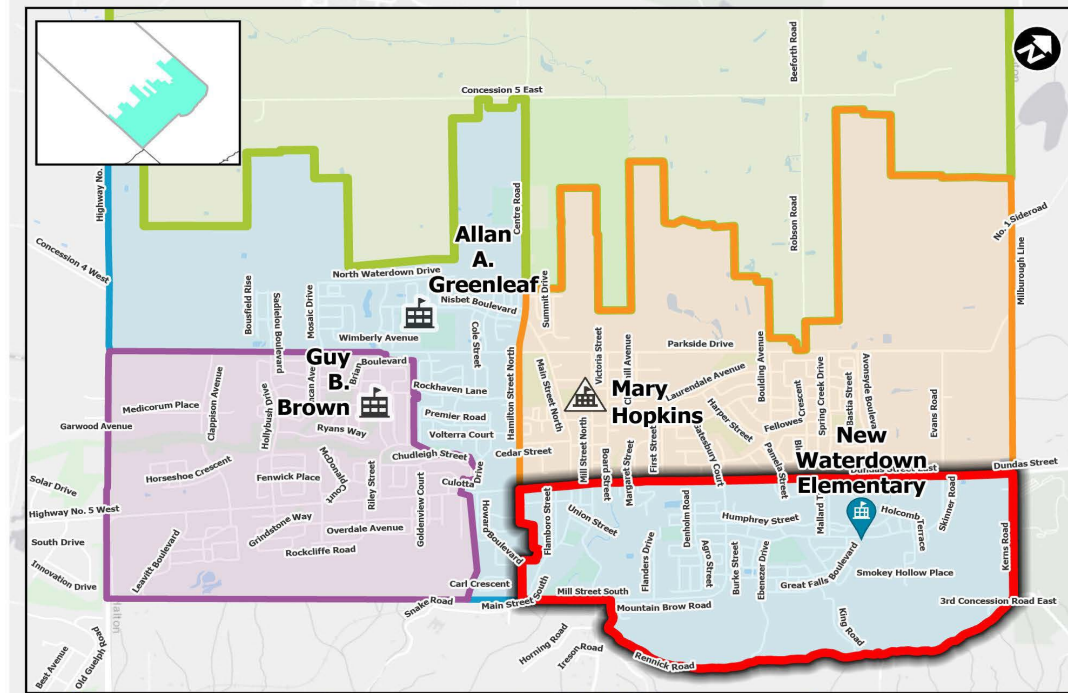
**Grade 6-8 French Immersion Program continues at Guy Brown.**



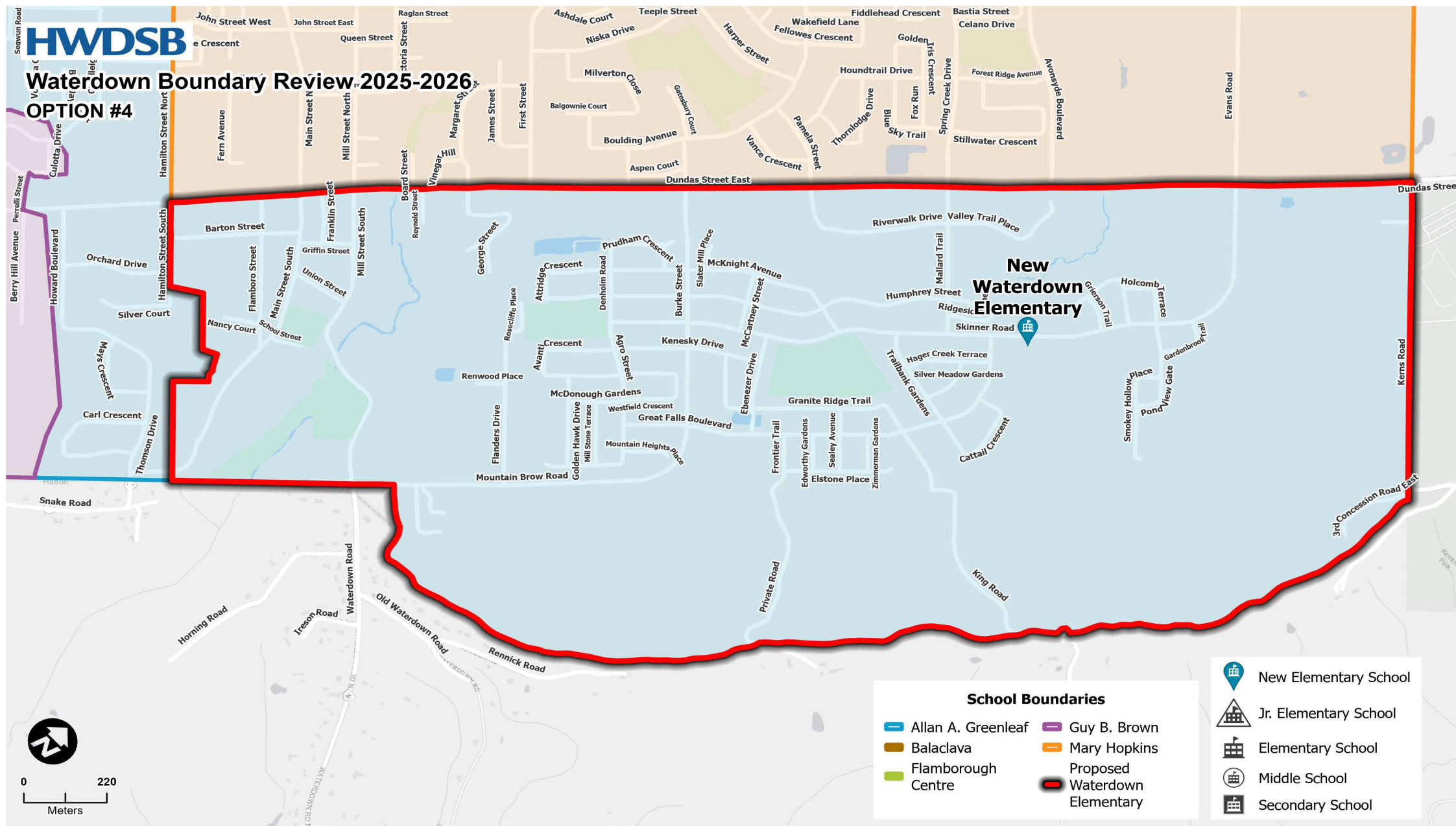
**2026-2027 Regular Track Grade 5 stay at Mary Hopkins**

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# Option 4- With new 2026-2027 Considerations



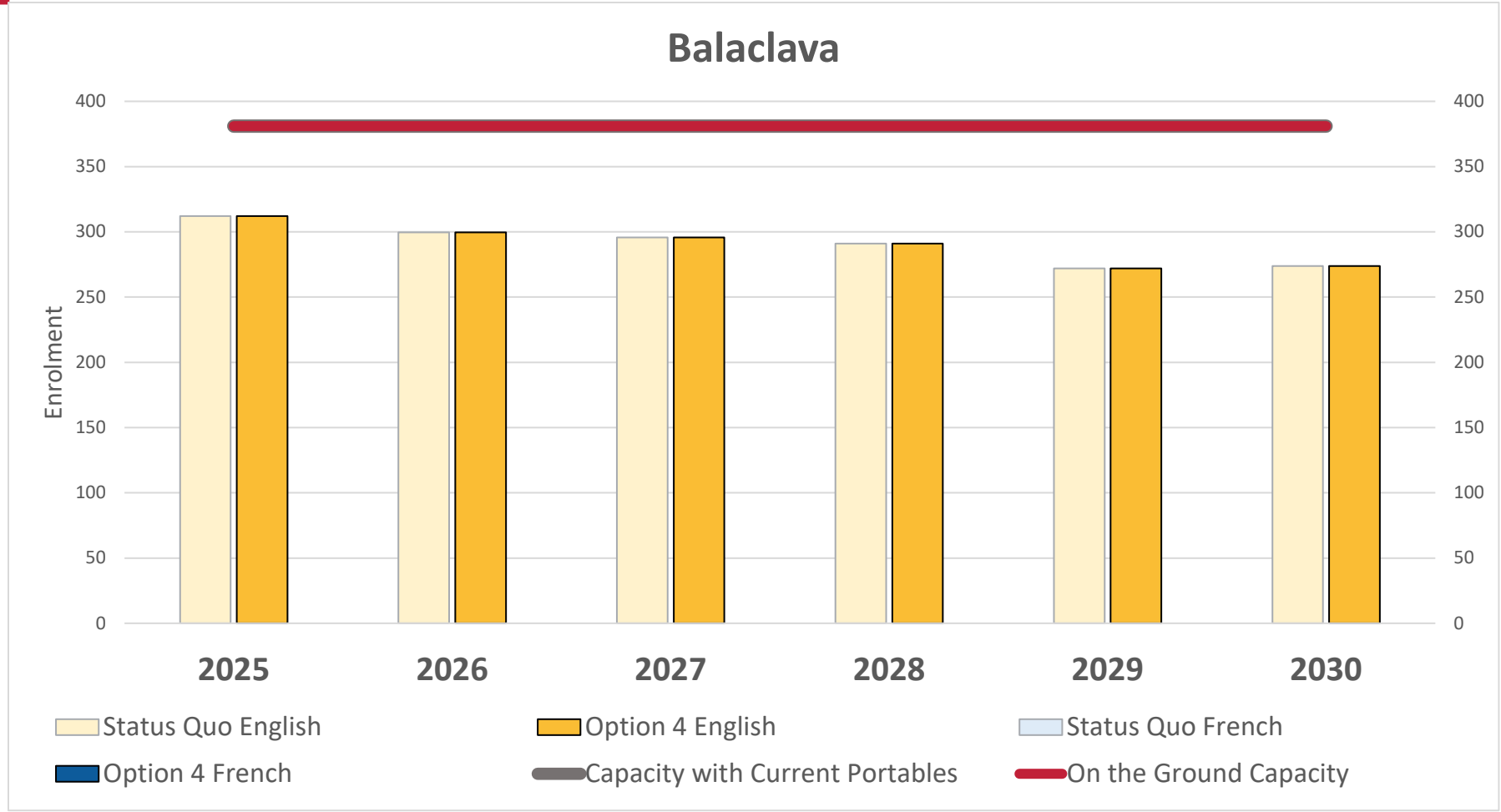
# Option 4- With new 2026-2027 Considerations



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# Option 4 School Projections



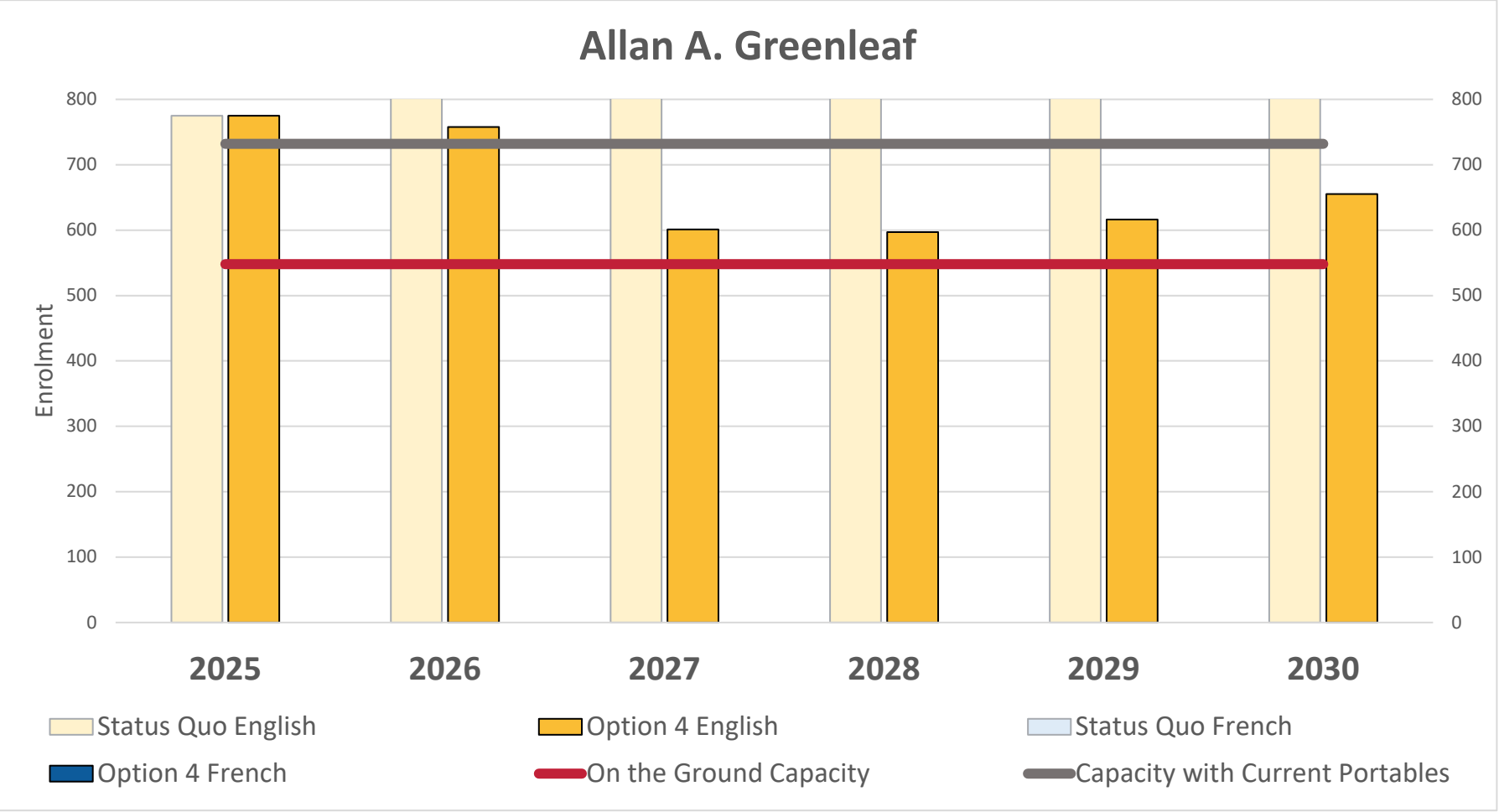
**2026-27 Changes:** No Change  
**2027-28 Changes:** No  
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# Option 4 School Projections

Allan A. Greenleaf



**2026-27 Changes:** New JK-4 enrolments South of Hwy 5 from 1-40 Hamilton St S to Kerns Rd directed to Mary Hopkins

**2027-28 Changes:** All RT JK- 6 students South of Hwy 5 and East of Hamilton Street South to new school, 7 & 8s can graduate

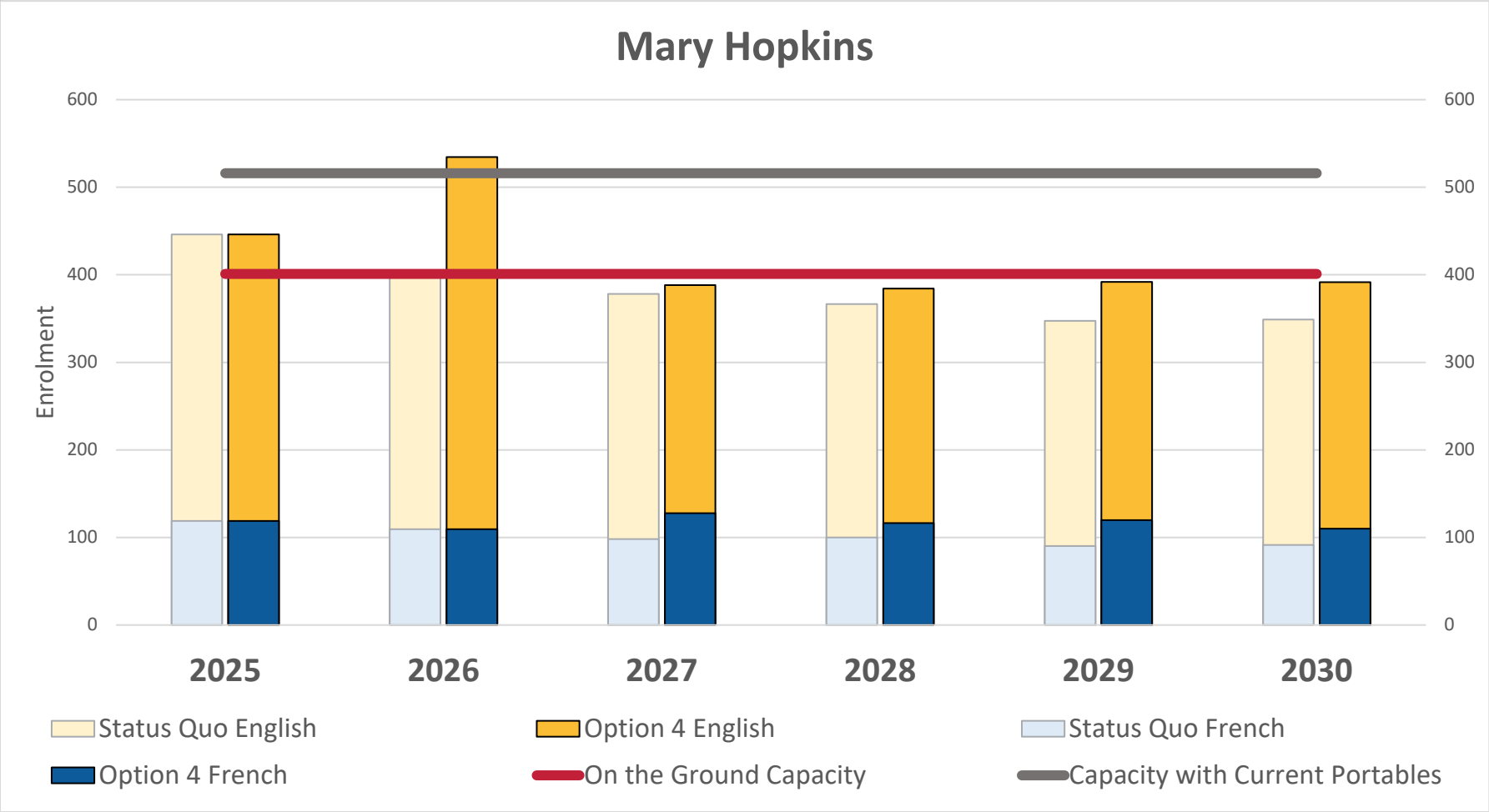
- No transportation provided to legacy students
- Siblings must attend new school



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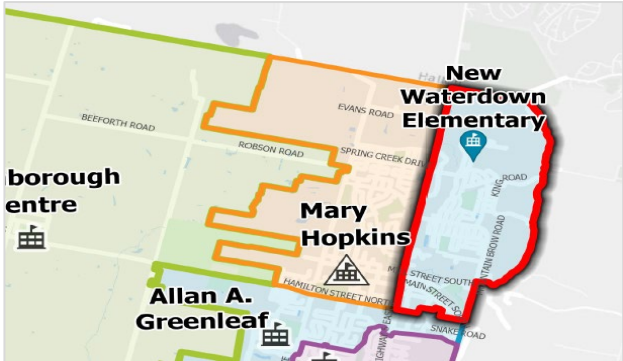
# Option 4 School Projections

Mary Hopkins



**2026-27 Changes:** receives new RT JK-4 enrolments South of Hwy 5 from 1-40 Hamilton St S to Kerns Rd Regular Track Grade 5s stay.

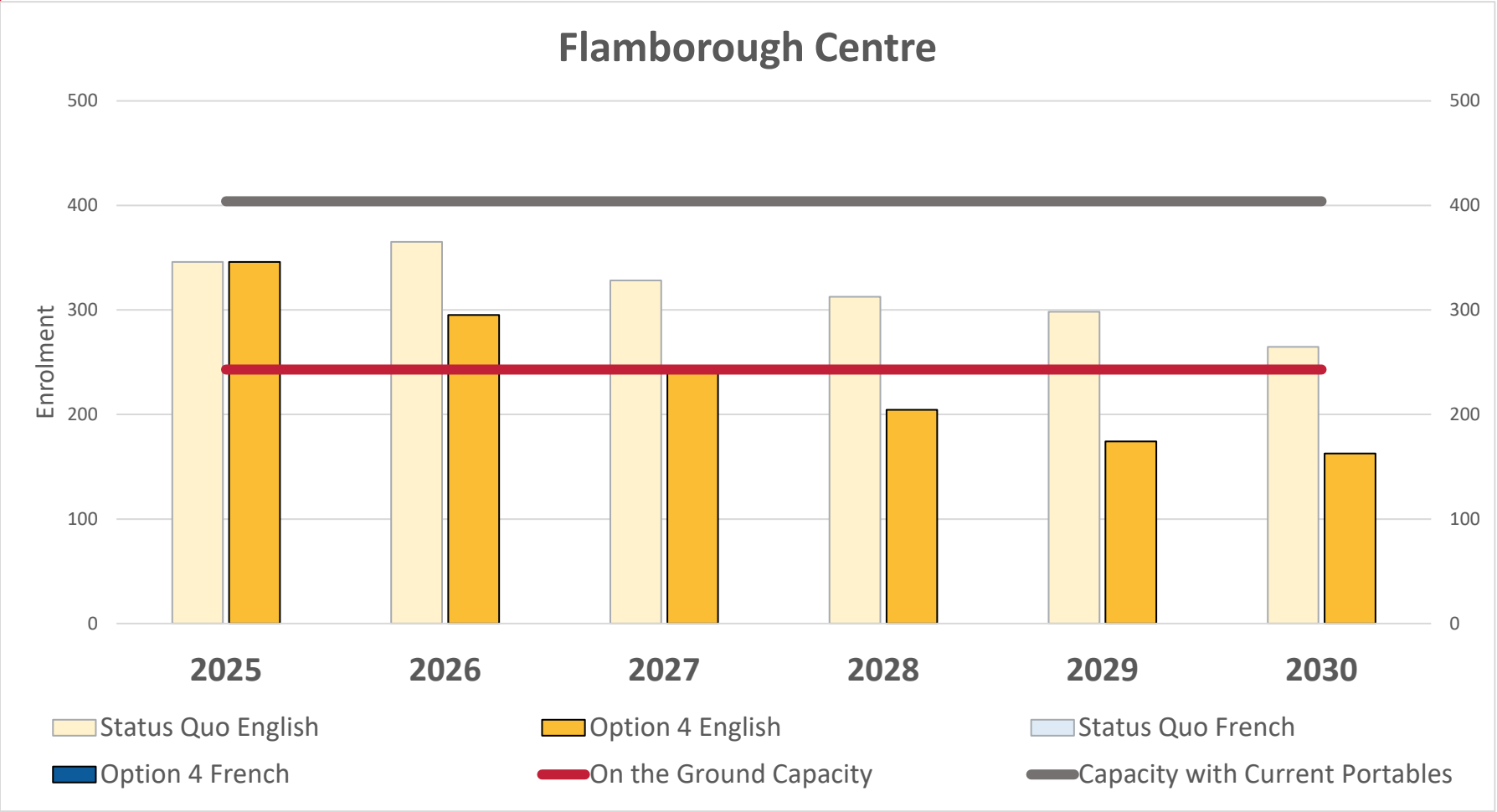
**2027-28 Changes:** JK- 5 dual Track school. Students South of Hwy 5 and East of Hamilton St S. directed to new school.



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# Option 4 School Projections



**2026-27 Changes:** RT Grade 5 remains at Mary Hopkins.

**2027-28 Changes:** JK- 6 Students South of Hwy 5 from 1-40 Hamilton St S to Kerns Rd directed to new school, 7&8s can stay

No transportation provided to legacy students

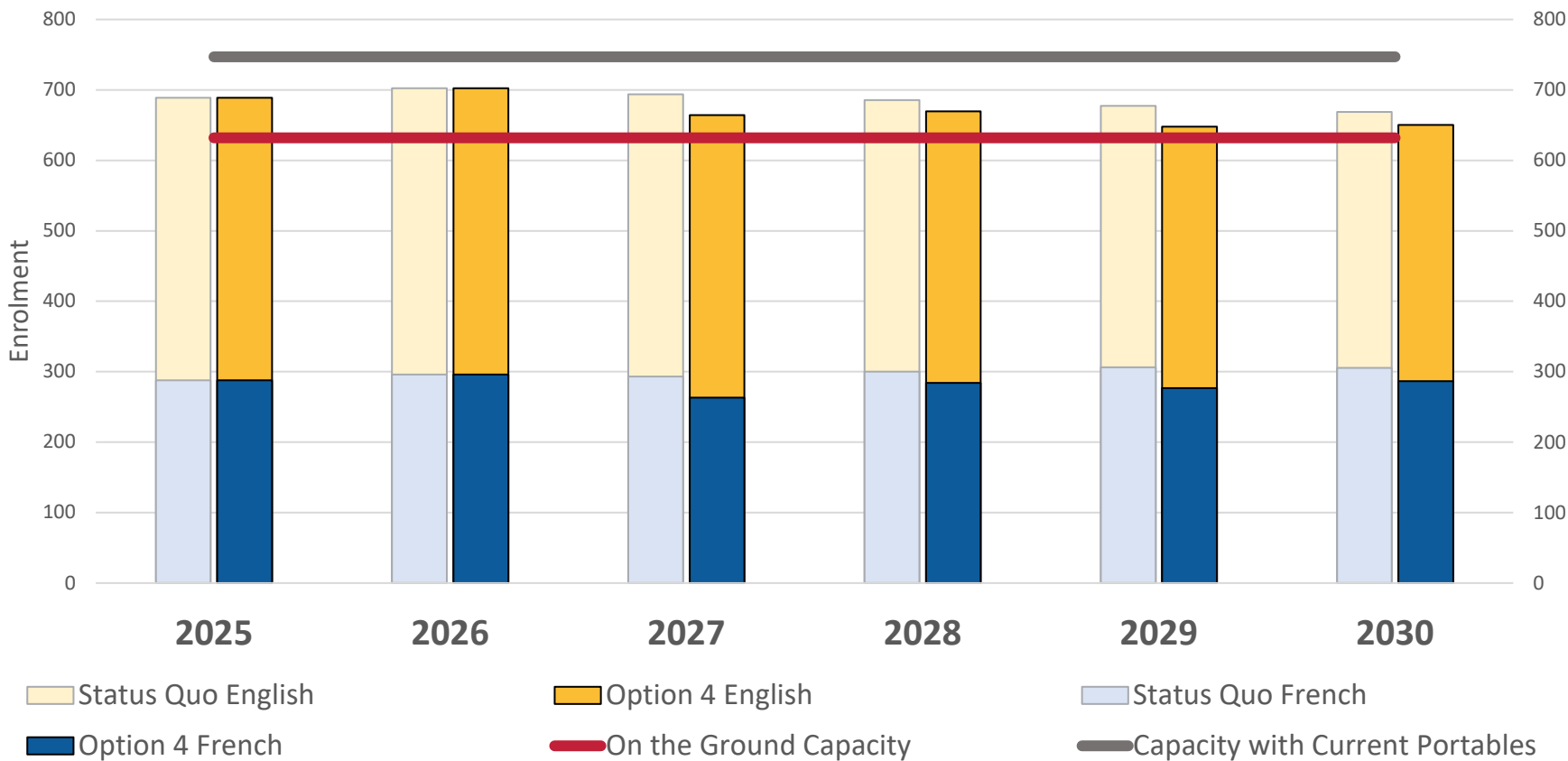
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# Option 4 School Projections

Guy B. Brown

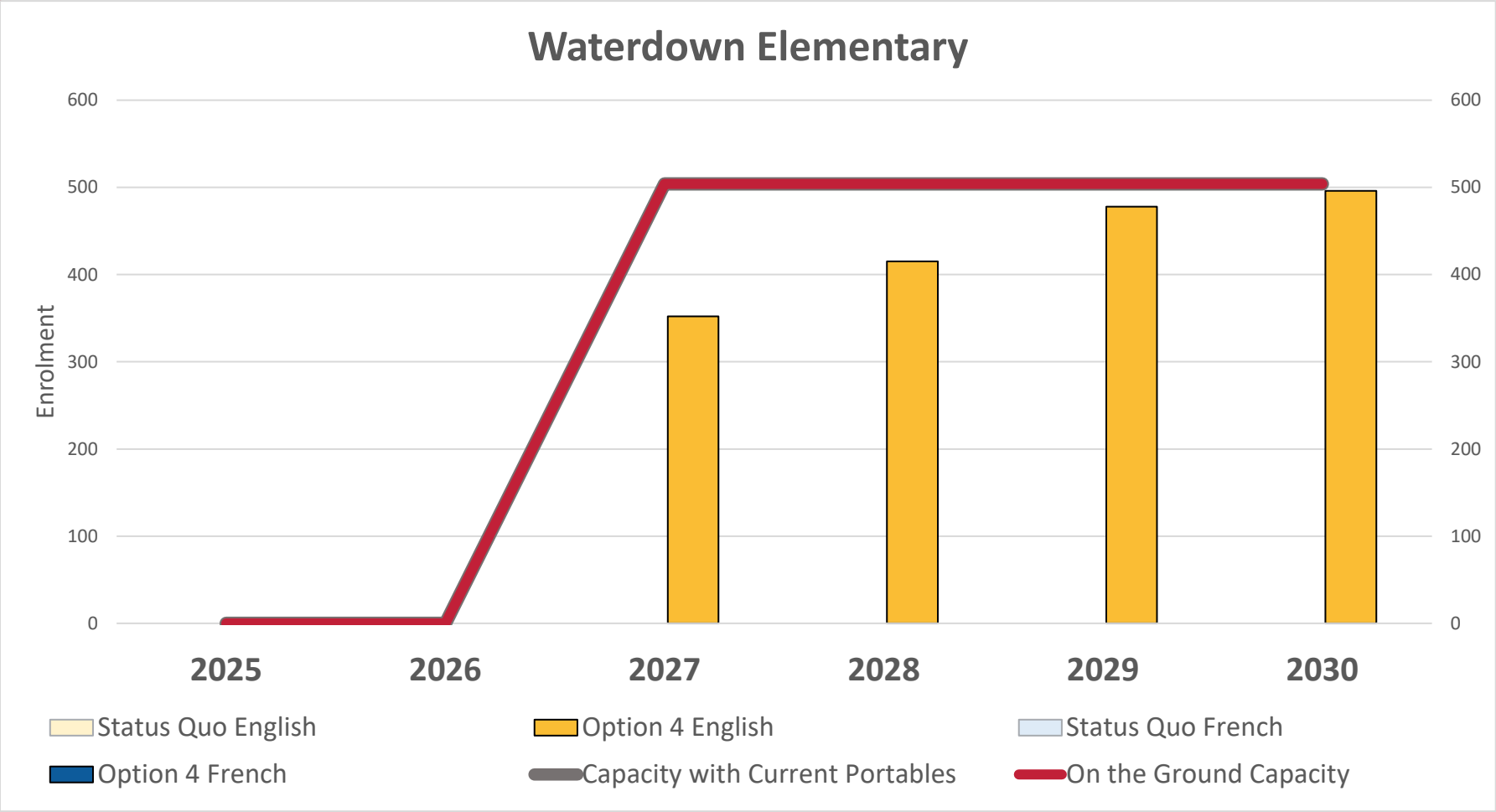


**2026-27 Changes:** None  
**2027-28 Changes:** French Grade 5 stay at Mary Hopkins. French Immersion grades 6-8 program continues from Mary Hopkins.



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# Option 4 School Projections



**2026-27 Changes:** None  
**2027-28 Changes:** Receive all RT JK-8 students South of Hwy 5 from 1-40 Hamilton St S to Kerns Rd. Grades 7-8 option to stay at current schools  
-No transportation provided to legacy students  
-Siblings must attend new school



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# Next Steps

- Final Report
  - To Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting January 13, 2025, then to Board Meeting for Trustee Decision
  - Report to include:
    - Background
    - Consultation and feedback summary
    - Recommended Option Details
    - Implementation Plan
    - Communication Plan
- Communication to affected families in the new year when final report is complete and posted for Finance and Facilities Committee Meeting
- Engage will stay open for feedback until December 19, 2025
- Final opportunity for community feedback could be delegations at the Board meeting once date is set



# Questions



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